Approved

Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) Funding Priorities for FY 2005-2006



Approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

as recommended by the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee (CCFAC)

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INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

- The Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) includes funding from the Fairfax County general fund, the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and the federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). Dollars appropriated to the CCFP are awarded through a competitive process to nonprofit community-based organizations to provide needed human services in the neighborhoods and communities of Fairfax County.
- For FY 2004, the CCFP is allocated \$8.5 million from the combination of these funding sources. The amount from any one source can vary by fiscal year, and therefore the total amount allocated is also subject to variation.
- The Board of Supervisors has charged the CCFAC with responsibility for overseeing the CCFP. Part of that responsibility is to recommend the funding priorities for each funding cycle. The CCFAC recommends that the two-year funding cycle be retained as approved by the Board in July 2001. Therefore, the next cycle will be for County fiscal years 2005 and 2006. Solicitation for proposals will be in the fall of 2003.
- The CCFAC maintains an ongoing process for the review and analysis
 of data and community input to provide information relevant for the
 funding priority allocations for the CCFP. The current analysis and
 input cycle culminated with a draft document circulated and available
 on the County's website from May 16 to June 10, 2003, with public
 comment received at the CCFAC meeting on June 10, 2003.
- This document contains the five funding Priority Areas and target funding allocation percentages approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. For each funding priority, several ways in which the priority can be supported are provided and examples of the types of services are listed. The CCFAC recommended and the Board approved the deletion of one of the priorities that has been used in prior cycles; however, all of the elements from the deleted priority are incorporated into other priority areas. The added elements are shown in Italics.

Priority Area 1:

People find and maintain safe, appropriate, and affordable housing.

PROPOSED TARGET FOR FY 2005-2006: 31%

Priority Area is Supported Through:

- Assisting families and individuals, including those with special needs, in finding safe, accessible housing that they can afford.
- Developing, preserving, and maintaining affordable housing.
- Helping families and individuals remain in housing that they have secured.
- Improving skills and behaviors necessary to manage finances and succeed as tenants and neighbors.

- Housing counseling
- Budget counseling
- Legal services that help families and individuals obtain and maintain their housing
- Tenant education and good neighbor programs
- Housing acquisition and development
- Transitional housing programs
- Rental assistance of an ongoing nature
- Adaptive housing efforts
- Enabling households to obtain housing in the private market

Priority Area 2:

People have the skills and supports they need to be self-sufficient.

PROPOSED TARGET FOR FY 2005-2006: 26%

Priority Area is Supported Through:

- Assisting individuals in obtaining, maintaining, and increasing employment or language skills necessary to succeed in the workplace, and in finding and maintaining employment that leads to independence.
- Assisting individuals to acquire knowledge about workplace norms, practices, and expectations.
- Enabling individuals to be employed or to increase their skills because of the availability of child care assistance or transportation.
- Creating knowledge and awareness within communities so that members can take informed actions to meet needs.
- Improving the economic health of communities by building capacity and resources within communities so that they are able to respond to the needs of their members.

- Employment services *for all populations*, such as skills training, job readiness, job-related life skills, job placement, and job retention
- Services to enable persons with disabilities to obtain or retain employment and skill training
- Educational services, such as employment-related English-for-speakers-of-other-languages (ESOL) programs
- Child care
- Transportation related to employment/education
- Case Management
- Small business development
- Programs to increase the economic health and capacity of communities

Priority Area 3:

Families and individuals are healthy, stable, and independent.

PROPOSED TARGET FOR FY 2005-2006: 16%

Priority Area is Supported Through:

- Enhancing the physical and mental health and well-being and improving the functioning of families and individuals.
- Maintaining or improving the ability of all people to be independent, and ensuring access to community facilities, activities, and services.
- Providing opportunities for families and individuals, including persons who are elderly, disabled, or have special needs, to participate in community activities.
- Increasing community understanding of diverse populations such as immigrants, language and ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities, and the elderly.
- Providing immigrants with information and advice about services, rights, responsibilities, immigration issues, and the citizenship process.

- Mentoring and parenting programs
- Life skills oriented literacy programs and non-employment-related ESOL
- Child abuse/domestic violence prevention services
- Legal assistance regarding family matters
- Leisure activities that promote health, well-being, and integration into the community
- Outreach, transportation, and other access services for the frail or persons with disabilities
- Home-based services respite and personal care
- Health and dental services
- Mental health and substance abuse services
- Cultural adaptation and orientation programs
- Immigration assistance and citizenship preparation programs
- Activities that increase cultural awareness and improved responsiveness to needs associated with diverse cultures

Priority Area 4: Youth make safe, responsible decisions.

PROPOSED TARGET FOR FY 2005-2006: 16%

Priority Area is Supported Through:

- Providing safe activities for youth that reduce personal risk.
- Preventing youth violence.
- Creating opportunities that build character and promote making good choices.
- Providing youth with opportunities to succeed through increasing their knowledge, skills, and abilities.

- After school and summer activity programs
- Prevention programs that work directly with youth
- Tutoring and other educational programs
- Mentoring programs
- Inter-generational communication and second generation parent acculturation programs
- Peer mediation
- Conflict resolution and anger management
- Substance abuse prevention
- Dropout and delinquency prevention
- Youth community service projects
- Social readjustment from institutional settings
- Education and skill development through recreational activities
- Transportation to youth programs and training for youth in use of public transportation

Priority Area 5: Families and individuals meet their basic needs.

PROPOSED TARGET FOR FY 2005-2006: 11%

Priority Area is Supported Through:

- Enabling families and individuals to meet their food, clothing, furniture, transportation, and other essential items.
- Providing one-time or occasional emergency financial assistance for rent, utilities, etc., to people at risk of losing their housing.
- Educating, representing, or advising families and individuals regarding financial and consumer legal matters.

- Emergency food assistance
- Clothing
- Furniture donations
- Short-term or emergency financial assistance
- Financial and consumer-related legal assistance
- Consumer education to prevent future crises
- Prevention efforts, including emergency assistance and crisis intervention to prevent homelessness